Fish deaths in Pcriyar River

3394. DR. Y. LAKSHMl PRASAD: Will the Mtni.stcr of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fish dcalhs in Periyar river have been reported on account of water pollution;

(b) if so, the action taken against the firms polluting the water; and

(c) the action proposed to clean the river from pollution and save marine fishery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AN FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir. Fish kill was observed in the Edamula Branch of the Periyar river and the stretch from Mulavukadu to Eloor on 11th June, 1998. Evidences gathered indicate that the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (Petrochemical Division) (FACT-PD) had caused the incident by letting out untreated effluent into the river through storm water drains.

(b) The FACT-PD was served show cause notices on 15-6-98 and 22-6-98 by the Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSfCB). As the explanations to the Show-Cause Notices submitted by the industry were not satisfactory, KSPCB has decided to prosecute the industry, its occupier and its authorised agent.

(c) KSPCB has given instructions to all the industries in the locality to comply with the consent conditions on effluent quality, quantity and dischag? points. These are inspected by the KSPCB staff regularly. KSPCB has also decided to install continous water quality monitoring and warning system on the river.

National Forestry Policy

3395. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any National Forest Policy in operation as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when the policy is in operation;

(c) the extent of implcnicntation of the aforesaid policy since the date of its formulation to date; and

(d) if the reply to part (a) be in the negative, when a National Forest PoKcy is likely to be introduced and whether the interests of Scheduled Tribes and tribal areas and the requirements of rural development would be taken into consideration before formulating the new National Forest Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRl BABULAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(1) The National Forest Policy, 1988 is under implementation since 7th December, 1988. The principal aim of the National Forest Policy is to ensure environmental stability and mainteBaitce of ecological balance by conserving the natural heritage of the country with the active involvement of the people including women.

(2) It is being implemented throughout the country by Siate Governments.

(3) Docs not arise.

सांघी समूह से सीमेन्ट संयंत्र को स्वीकृतु पिदान करने में हो रहा विलम्ब

3396. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोर्लकीः** क्या पर्यावरण और मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कीः

(क) क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय द्वारा गुजरात के कच्छ जिले में सांघी औद्योगिक समूह द्वारा सीमेन्ट संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए पर्यावरणीय अध्यादेश के अंतर्गत तटीय विनियमन जोन (सी.आर.जेड.) अनुमति प्रदान न किए जाने के कारण इस समूह को भारी वितीय नुकसान उठाना पड़ रहा है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने उक्त संयंत्र के कार्यान्वयन में हो रहे विलम्ब के कारणों को सुनिक्षित किया है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;